



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68736

Hironobu ISHIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/090,267

Group Art Unit: 2652

Confirmation No.: 6535

Examiner: David Donald Davis

Filed: March 7, 2002

For: CERAMIC DYNAMIC-PRESSURE BEARING AND HARD DISK DRIVE USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

A RCE and Request for Suspension of Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) were filed in the above-identified application on March 2, 2006. Particularly, the Request for Suspension of Action for three months was filed to allow Applicants to prepare a Response to the outstanding rejection. However, a final Office Action prematurely issued on March 16, 2006.

The undersigned respectfully requests the Office to withdraw and vacate the final Office Action of March 16, 2006 and to honor the Request for Suspension of Action for the three-month period extending to June 2, 2006.

In telephone conferences of March 22, 2006 and April 4, 2006 with the undersigned, the Examiner advised that he had issued an Interview Summary and appropriate papers withdrawing

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the final Office Action. However, because PAIR continues to indicate that the final Office Action remains outstanding, Applicants are filing this written request.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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